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**REMARKS**

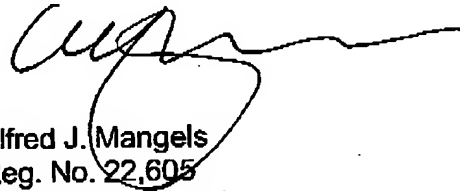
Applicant's attorney thanks the examiner for the allowance of method claims 1, 2, 7, and 8.

Apparatus claims 9 and 12 were rejected as obvious based upon the combination of the Phillippe '107 and the Dugue et al. '831 references. Each of those claims has now been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Because the application now contains only allowed claims, and is otherwise in allowable form, a Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully requested.

The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if any questions arise, so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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